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TWO CENTS.

SEEK TO LEARN

WHAT BRITAIN BARS

State Department Anxious to Know Commodities in Latest Order

MAY BE VIOLATION OF AN OLD TREATY

Action Will be Regarded Seriously in Washington if Ban Affects Trade with Neutral Countries — President Has Power to Retaliate.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16.—The state department today sought to learn through diplomatic channels precisely what commodities are included in Great Britain's latest blockade order restricting shipments from the United States to Holland and the Scandinavian countries.

If the action is found to shut off any great amount of American trade with these neutral countries it doubtless will be regarded seriously by this government.

Interest in the effect of the order is intense at this time because President Wilson was granted authority by recent legislation to retaliate against any country interfering unduly with American commerce. The state department also is interested in ascertaining whether the reported arrangement between Great Britain and France for exchange of commodities whose importation from other countries is forbidden does not violate the British-American treaty of 1815.

The American embassy at London was requested to confirm published reports of the order.

TO FORM NEW CABINET.

Callaghyveropoulos Entrusted With Picking Greek Ministers.

LONDON, Sept. 16.—A Reuters dispatch from Athens today indicates that M. Callaghyveropoulos, summoned to Tatoi by King Constantine, has been entrusted with the formation of a new cabinet in succession to the Zaimis ministry.

Centre Congregational Church

Rev. Richard H. Clapp, Pastor.



Sunday, Sept. 17.

10:30 a. m.—Morning worship. Subject of sermon, The Larger Life of the Local Church.

11:45 a. m.—Sunday school.

7:00 p. m.—Christian Endeavor meeting in the chapel. Subject, Little Churches to Help. Ex. 17:13-15. Lender, Clyde Horton.

7:45 p. m.—Address in the church by Rev. James L. Tryon, director of the New England department of the American Peace society. Subject, The Parliament of Men. An offering will be received.

First Baptist Church

Rev. George E. Tomkinson, Minister.



Sunday Services.

10:30 a. m.—Morning worship. Address by Miss Margaret Sumner of the Philippines. She will tell of her "brownies."

11:45 a. m.—Bible school. Classes for all ages.

7:30 p. m.—Evening service. Subject, The Teaching of Jesus about the Forgiveness of Sin. Dugan's orchestra, chorus choir, Alexander hymns. Welcome to all.

AMERICAN TRADE SECRETS ARE SAFE

Lloyd George Issues Statement to Show Use of Information Gained by Censors.

LONDON, Sept. 16.—David Lloyd George, British secretary for war, has given to The Associated Press the following statement:

"There appears to be a deliberate campaign, set on foot in the United States by German agents, to throw doubt on the good faith of His Majesty's government in regard to the use of information obtained through the censorship."

"These German agents appear now to have resorted to my statement in the House of Commons, on Aug. 8, although that statement was fully explained by Lord Robert Cecil, minister of war trade, on Aug. 9, and most explicit assurances on the same subject were given by him in a later interview on Aug. 25."

"In spite of this, these propagandists are trying to dress up my statement as something new, misleading Lord Robert Cecil's assurances which followed it. Let me now say on behalf of the military authorities what has already been said on behalf of the foreign office, that when information is passed on by the censorship to other departments it is for the sole purpose of guiding the action of the government in the conduct of the war."

"We affirm, and challenge anyone to deny it, that honest business interests and trade secrets of an American merchant or manufacturer are as safe in the hands of the military censors, and of every other government department, as they are in the hands of the American postoffice."

GAIN THREE TOWNS IN THEIR BIG DRIVE

British Announce Capture of Important Points North of Somme — French Repulse Attacks.

LONDON, Sept. 16.—As a result of their offensive north of the Somme begun yesterday morning along the six-mile front from a point north of Comblet to beyond the Pozieres-Bapaume road, the British hold in their entirety the villages of Courcellette, Martinpuich and Fiers, the war office announced this afternoon.

PARIS, Sept. 16.—German counter attacks were made on the French lines both north and south of the Somme last night. They were unsuccessful. The assaults were delivered to the east of Clercy on the north bank of the river and east of Bermy to the south of the stream below Peronne.

BORDER GUARDS WITHDRAWN.

And Numbers of Belgian Refugees Are Now Entering Holland.

LONDON, Sept. 16.—A despatch to the Evening News from Amsterdam reports that the German guards along the Dutch frontier towards both Belgium and Germany have been withdrawn.

From Belgian numbers of Belgian families who for months have appealed for permission to enter Holland are now streaming across the line with their belongings piled on every kind of a conveyance.

SLIGHT INCREASE IN CASES.

Reports of Paralysis Situation from New York and Massachusetts.

NEW YORK, Sept. 16.—Another slight increase in the infantile paralysis epidemic in this city is shown in the bulletin for the 24 hours ending at 10 a. m. today. Forty-one new cases were discovered, one more than yesterday, and there were 13 deaths, an increase of 3.

BOSTON, Sept. 16.—Twenty-six new cases of infantile paralysis including six in Boston and seven in Holyoke were reported to the state department of health today, making a total of 281 for the month.

AGAINST BELGIAN LOAN.

Germany Tells U. S. It Would be Considered Null and Void.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16.—Ambassador Von Bernstorff today informed the state department that the German government would consider "null and void" any loan Belgium negotiated in the United States during German occupancy of that country.

Unitarian Church

Unitarian Literature Free. Leaflets describing the Unitarian belief may be obtained on application to Mrs. James M. Adams, 7 Cedar St.

In Odd Fellows' Temple

Monday night at 7:30 — Regular meeting of Wantastiquet lodge.

THIS IS Touring Time

Ease Your Trip by Stopping to Eat at

The Newfane Inn

E. A. Whitcomb, Prop.

70,000 MEN TO BE OUT BY MONDAY

Say New York Union Heads in Charge of Big Traction Strike

PLAN TO STOP WORK ALONG WATER FRONT

Appeal to Members to 'Protect Very Life of Union Labor in New York' — 400,000 Might be Called Out as Extreme Measure.

NEW YORK, Sept. 16.—Several trades unions voted today for the purpose of determining a response to the call for a sympathetic strike to back up the traction strikers. By Monday labor leaders expect to learn the sentiment of longshoremen, teamsters, coal bargemen, stationary engineers and firemen to whom the carmen have particularly addressed their appeal.

By Monday they assert 70,000 men will be out, "to protect the very life of union labor in New York." The union leaders announce that the majority of the members of the machinists union, having a membership of 25,000, have voted to strike at munitions plants in this city. Should longshoremen, boatmen and coal barge workers strike the strike leaders say virtually all work along the water front will be tied up.

This movement is described by the Central Federated Union as "preliminary to a general strike." While it is estimated there are 800,000 trades unionists in New York, it is said the leaders do not plan upon calling out more than 400,000 as an extreme measure.

One man was killed and 34 injured in accidents on the elevated and surface lines in the last 24 hours.

PRESIDENT HEARS OF SISTER'S DEATH

Took Place in New London Hotel Today—Executive Postpones Various Official Plans.

NEW LONDON, Conn., Sept. 16.—Mrs. Annie E. Howe, only sister of President Wilson, died in a local hotel today. She had been extremely ill for about a week with peritonitis and the end had been expected at any moment for the past two days.

The President was informed a week ago of his sister's critical condition and came here to see her. Mrs. Howe had been too weak to recognize him. He was kept constantly informed of her condition and when death came a message was sent to him.

LONG BRANCH, N. Y., Sept. 16.—Following receipt of news of his sister's death President Wilson immediately cancelled his engagement to go to St. Louis next Wednesday to speak before a convention. Secretary Baker was asked by President Wilson to take his place. President Wilson also postponed engagements for Monday with Chairman McCormick and the Democratic national committee and others.

SKULL FRACTURED BY EXPRESS TRAIN

I. E. Willard of South Vernon Was Crossing Track at East Putney—Brought to Memorial Hospital.

I. E. Willard of South Vernon, who had been working in Westmoreland, N. H., was struck by the White Mountain express at the East Putney station this afternoon as he was crossing the track to take a train. His skull was apparently badly fractured. He was brought to Brattleboro and rushed to the Memorial hospital.

CALL ON NATIONAL BANKS.

Must Issue Statement of Business Ending Sept. 12.

WASHINGTON, September 16.—The comptroller of the currency today issued a call for the condition of all national banks at the close of business on Tuesday, Sept. 12.

BRATTLEBORO HIGH SCHOOL Will Open for the Fall Term

Monday, September 18 at 10 a. m.

The building will not be open for pupils before that hour on the first day of school. Parents or pupils who wish to consult Principal Smith about school matters may do so at any time during office hours, Friday and Saturday, Sept. 15 and 16, 9 to 11 a. m. and 2 to 4 p. m. In the main room, second floor of the high school building. E. B. SMITH, Principal.

NEW LONDON FAITH IN U-BOATS WANING

Tomorrow Noon is the Time Limit Set for Arrival of Long-Awaited Submarine.

NEW LONDON, Conn., Sept. 16.—If a German submarine does not reach New London and tie up at the new state pier by Sunday noon the good people of this old whaling town will be ready to "give up the ghost."

The undersea phantom has been haunting them day and night for the last six weeks. The report that a submarine called America was spoken yesterday about 300 miles off Nantucket is not confirmed here, either by the Scott Wrecking company, the State Terminal-officials, or representatives of the Eastern Forwarding company, yet there is still an air of expectancy, and certain movements plainly show that some submarine is expected very soon from across the Atlantic.

Workmen were busy at the state pier yesterday placing pontoons in position, and carpenters later began the erecting of a high sectional board fence on the pontoons, the whole forming a floating barrier, which will extend from the pier to the bow of the steamship Willard, 100 feet distant in the stream, completing a four-sided enclosure for the submarine when she is docked. Electric lights have been placed underneath the pier, evidently to thwart any attempt that might be made to injure the craft by explosives.

The Willard's searchlights were in action last night for a couple of hours, their powerful beams sweeping the harbor and sending rays far out across Long Island Sound. Just what significance the searchlights played in the possible appearance of the long-expected submarine is not known by the outside public.

The big warehouses on the state pier, constructed recently in double-quick time, a 12-day contract, are well filled with crude rubber, nickel, and other valuable materials. Newspaper men from Boston and New York and the ever-present moving-picture men are flocking to New London again on the strength of the "300 miles off Nantucket" rumor, and customs officials are sleeping close to telephones, believing they have a sure tip this time.

ALLIED OFFENSIVE TAKES THREE TOWNS

British and French Gain on Six-Mile Front North of the Somme—Combles Doomed.

LONDON, Sept. 16.—An allied offensive, launched with great strength against the German north of the Somme, swept over the lines of Crown Prince Rupprecht's army for a width of six miles on the British front alone, penetrating the German defenses to a depth of one to two miles at some points.

The towns of Fiers, Martinpuich, and Courcellette, with High Wood and most of Bois de Bouleaux, just north of Comblet, fell into the hands of the British, who in addition captured all the high ground between Comblet and the Pozieres-Bapaume road.

The British onset was made with the greatest dash, a novel kind of motor car aiding in the advance while aviators swooping low bombarded trenches with machine guns.

By 1 o'clock in the afternoon Fiers had been captured by the British troops, some of whom had also gained the outskirts of Martinpuich, a mile and a half east of Pozieres. The great assault had even been broken through the enemy's third line of defense, and in several parts of the line the Germans were fleeing in haste, while hundreds were surrendering as the British pressed on. A total of 2,800 prisoners were taken during the day.

For their part the troops of General Foch took more ground in the region of Comblet, driving a wedge into the outskirts of Rancourt, and pushing northward from Le Prez Farm 1,500 yards. Thereby they rendered the encirclement of Comblet closer, the allies now holding trenches to the north, west, south, and partly to the east of the village.

EVERYWOMAN COMPANY HERE.

Arrived This Morning for Two Performances in Auditorium.

The Everywoman company arrived in town this morning to present Henry W. Savage's dramatic spectacle, Everywoman, in the Auditorium this afternoon and tonight. The management of this company says: "Everywhere this great spectacle has been presented it has created a sensation. Generations of theatre-goers have witnessed no better panoramic pageant than Everywoman, conceived as it was by an inspired brain and executed by a master craftsman without regard to monetary outlay. It represents all that is great, all that is lofty, in spectacle, opera and drama. It is really three great productions merged into one. It has music of a dignified character, music which is light and playful and a dramatic story which is moving and absorbing. Mr. Savage has supplied a splendid cast of characters. Paula Shay, a beautiful young woman, plays the title role."

THE WEATHER.

Cooler Tonight With Probable Frosts in Exposed Places.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16.—The weather forecast: Fair tonight, and probably Sunday. Cooler tonight with probable frosts in exposed places. Moderate west winds.

WEST BRATTLEBORO.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Ketcham and Miss Dora Ketcham of Brandon, who had been guests of Miss Adella Smith, returned to Brandon today, accompanied by Miss Smith.

BLISS DISCUSSES BORDER SITUATION

With American Members of Joint Commission to Settle Mexican Trouble

MEXICAN DELEGATION IN NEW YORK TODAY

Believed That Early Sessions of Conference Will Deal With Internal Affairs Rather Than Conditions on the Border.

NEW LONDON, Conn., Sept. 16.—The American members of the American-Mexican joint commission which is seeking a solution of the international problem arising from the Mexican situation, in the absence of the Mexican commissioners today studied the subjects to be discussed at the resumption of business next week.

Mr. Gen. Bliss was called into the consultation. It is believed unlikely, however, that the earlier meetings of the commission will deal with the question of border protection. It is more probable that internal Mexican affairs regarded by the Americans as the more basic points, will be considered.

The Mexican commissioners are in New York for the double purpose of carrying out missions entrusted to them by their government and to take part in the celebration of the anniversary of Mexico's declaration of independence.

TO HELP AGRICULTURE.

Prominent New England Men in Conference in Springfield, Mass.

SPRINGFIELD, Sept. 16.—Plans for the formation of a farm and business union to cover the New England states were discussed at a conference of farmers and business men which opened here yesterday.

Theodore N. Vail, president of the American Telephone and Telegraph company, came here to make the opening address, and Wilson L. Lee of New Haven, Conn., president of the New Haven County Improvement league, was selected to act as temporary chairman.

Gov. McCall visited the Eastern States Exposition grounds and returned to Boston early in the afternoon, making no speech. At the banquet last night at the Kimball the speakers included Pres. Howard Elliott of the New Haven Railroad, who urged the co-operation of business men and agriculturists with the transportation system; Theodore N. Vail, Lieut. Gov. Coolidge, Dr. L. H. Martin, president of Boston university; Pres. Shanklin of Wesleyan university and Harvey D. Eaton of Waterville, Me.

Lieut. Gov. Calvin Coolidge, speaking at the banquet last night, said that New England agriculture is not on the down grade, but that it has come to a pass where outside remedies must be applied. He declared that this is one of the most fertile sections of the country, and that proper methods were all that was needed to bring it up to its rightful standard.

Pres. Elliott acknowledged that the railroads might be partially to blame in holding agricultural development back in the New England states, but asserted that the railroads had been the greatest factor in bringing agriculture up to its present high plane. Without transportation methods, he declared, no markets could have been opened up, and agriculture would never have grown out of its infancy.

DAKIN CO. INCORPORATES.

Contractors Building Barber Block Ask for Vermont Charter. (Special to The Reformer.)

MONTPELIER, Sept. 16.—F. W. and J. A. Dakin, Inc., filed articles of association here today with capital stock of \$100,000. They state that they intend to do a general contracting business. The subscribers are F. W. Dakin, B. C. Howard and John A. Dakin, all of Sherbrooke, Que.

NEXT WEEK'S WEATHER.

Cool and Frosty First Part, Showers in Later Days.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16.—Weather predictions for the week beginning Sunday issued by the weather bureau today are: North Atlantic states unsettled Monday and showers Friday and Saturday. Temperatures will average below the seasonal normal with a probability of frosts the first part of the week.

PERSONAL.

Rev. J. Fredrik Virgin, the new rector of St. Michael's Episcopal church, arrived in town last evening. He is a guest of Miss Mary R. Cabot until his family arrives. He expects his family to arrive in Brattleboro October 5. He will conduct services in the church tomorrow.

The world's sugar production is about equally divided between beet and cane origin.

Fireworks are said to have been first used in Europe in the city of Florence in 1360.

STREETS POLLUTED SAYS CAPT. RENNIE

Men and Boys Drunk, Sodden and Debased Ever Sunday—Salvation Army Asks Co-operation.

My Dear Christian Friends:—The time is beginning to come upon us when we will be called upon, by parents of poor children, who are ill fed and ill clothed. In summer weather they could get about in their garments, and with bare feet, but with the fall of the leaves conditions change. From observation I am sure that as we face winter we must also face much distress and suffering and although economic conditions are somewhat improved this last year, the improvement is not sufficient to make any rational change in the homes of the poor.

The high cost of living may be a factor over which we as townspeople have no control, but I, as a preacher of the gospel, consider it my duty to lift my voice against the ever increasing masses in our town, that of secret drinking and selling of drink. Every Sabbath day our streets are polluted by the presence of men and boys drunk, sodden and debased. The Salvation Army feels it needs the co-operation of the Christian churches, as well as the Christian public, to rid our town of this crying disgrace, before it can do much to reduce the sum of human misery.

I have upon my hands already a poor family of 10 children in urgent need of clothes. I will be glad if any Christian person has any children's garments to spare. Our wagon will call for same on receipt of card.

Yours faithfully,
CAPTAIN RENNIE.

MRS. CYRUS F. REED DIES ON TRIP WEST

Brattleboro Woman Left Here Tuesday to Visit in California—Had Been Troubled with Asthma.

Mrs. Cyrus W. Reed of this town, who left here Tuesday morning with her brother, Frank Holbrook, for a trip to California and the Pacific coast, died yesterday in Santa City, Cal. News of her death was received today in a telegram to her brother-in-law, Frank W. Reed. The cause of her death was not stated, but she had been in ill health several years with asthma.

Mrs. Reed was Miss Elbra A. Holbrook of West Brattleboro, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jared Holbrook. She married Cyrus W. Reed in 1869. Mr. Reed, who died June 14, 1907, was for 35 years employed by the Estey Organ Co.

Mrs. Reed was a member of the Universalist church and of Dennis Rehelek lodge. She leaves a son, Ralph H. Reed of New York city.

HINCKLEY-CROWLEY.

Putney Girl Becomes Wife of Hartford, Conn., Machinist.

The wedding of Robert Hinckley, only son of Mrs. Belle E. Hinckley, of Hartford, Conn., and Miss Helen Crowley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Crowley of Putney, took place this morning at 9:30 in the rectory of St. Michael's Roman Catholic church. Rev. Father James P. Rand officiated. They were attended by Harry Crowley, brother of the bride, as best man and Miss Viola Harris of Brattleboro as bridesmaid. The bride's gift to the bridesmaid was a silver vanity case.

Mrs. Hinckley, who has been a frequent visitor in Brattleboro, attended the Brattleboro high school and graduated in the class of 1913, afterwards taking a secretarial course in the Bay Path Institute in Springfield, Mass., graduating in the class of 1915.

Mr. Hinckley formerly was in the garage business in Putney and Hinsdale and now has a position as expert machinist for the Overland Co. in Hartford, Conn. He is a graduate of the Hartford high school.

After a two-weeks' trip the couple will make their home at 829 Asylum avenue, Hartford, Conn.

TOWNSHEND.

Miss Packard Gets Important Position.

The many friends of Miss Winnie M. Packard are pleased to learn of her election to the French department of the Brattleboro high school, of which she is a graduate, class of 1906. For the past five years she has been first assistant in the East Brattleboro high school. In 1914 Miss Packard founded a scholarship fund in memory of her father. She also successfully conducted the high school lunch counter for two years in addition to her classroom work.

There are 90 teachers and 1,900 pupils in the high school. Miss Packard is well known here as a former successful teacher in Leland and Gray seminaries. She and her mother have spent the past several summers in this town.

Mrs. Frank Potwine has returned to Brookline, after visiting several days with Mrs. Don Boutelle, who is ill, and Miss Bernice Holden will come to assist with the work.

Rev. R. H. Bosworth went to Jamaica Thursday to officiate at the funeral of Rev. Arthur E. Hartwell. He was accompanied by Mrs. Bosworth and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Robinson.

Edwin L. Hastings was re-nominated as assistant judge, a position he has filled successfully the past eight years. Mr. Hastings has held many responsible positions in the town, being active in both church and town affairs. His many friends hope he will continue to hold the office he now has.

More than 50 per cent of all the graduates of the academy department of Oberlin college are teachers.

JOHNSON GOING TO STATE PRISON

Judge Hears Arguments of Counsel and Local Clergyman

HYPOCRISY BESIDES STATUTORY OFFENSE

Second Man to Be Arraigned Following Complaint of Dummerston Girl Sentenced to Not Less than Two and Half Years Nor More than Three.

George Johnson of East Dummerston, one of four men who were arrested Sept. 6 on a statutory charge preferred by Dorothy Kendall, 15, of Dummerston, was sentenced yesterday afternoon in the Windham county court by Judge Leighton P. Slack to serve not less than two and one-half years nor more than three years in the state prison at Windsor.

John Brooks had pleaded guilty the previous day in the municipal court before Judge Frank E. Barber, after asking that an information be filed against him by the state's attorney, for the same offense, and was sentenced to not less than one and one-half years nor more than two years in the state prison.

Johnson and his friends preferred to have his case go before the county court upon his plea of guilty. In chambers Judge Slack heard arguments by counsel for and against the sentence and by Rev. George E. Tomkinson, pastor of the First Baptist church, of which Johnson is a member.

In pronouncing sentence Judge Slack said that the fact that the young man was a member of the church was no reason for making the sentence light, for his admission that he was guilty of the crime with which he was charged added to the crime the offense of hypocrisy. He added that he made the sentence as light as he did because of the sentence imposed by Judge Barber of the municipal court upon Brooks, who was charged with a similar offense against the same girl. State's Attorney O. B. Hughes appeared for the state and Chase & Chase for Johnson.

The petition of Ida Haskins Stafford of Brattleboro for divorce from Martin N. Stafford, now of Fort Wayne, Ind., was heard. They were married in Fulkton, S. D., in 1887 and lived together until 1908. She claimed desertion and neglect and refusal to provide. Attorney O. B. Hughes appeared for the petitioner.

These were the only cases disposed of at the session of county court yesterday.

STORM PUTS 50 LINES ON BLINK

About 150 Instruments Affected by Electrical Disturbance in All Directions from Central.

About 50 lines representing about 150 different telephones were put out of commission yesterday afternoon by the electrical storm. Although the storm was apparently not nearly as severe as some others have been the damage to telephones was as extensive as at any other time this season. Usually the linemen find the damage confined to one or two sections, but this storm managed to do damage to the telephone system in every direction from the central office.

G. L. DUNHAM FILES EXPENSE STATEMENT

No Expense Whatever in Connection with Candidacy for Town Representative Nomination.

In accordance with Act No. 4, section 22, Acts of 1915, George L. Dunham, Republican nominee for town representative from Brattleboro, filed with Town Clerk Carl S. Hopkins today a statement relative to campaign expenses, sworn to before F. W. Nichols, notary public.

He states that there was no expense whatever in connection with his candidacy for the nomination.

FURLOUGH EXTENDED.

Lieut. Walter R. Spaulding Given Additional 15 Days.

Lieut. Walter R. Spaulding, who has been at his home on Maple street two weeks on a 15-days' furlough, has received an extension of his furlough for 15 days more. He expects, before the expiration of his extended time, to receive information that his resignation from the service has been accepted and that he will not be obliged to return to Eagle Pass, Texas, where the regiment is still on duty.

The third game between Brattleboro and Hinsdale will be played off tomorrow at 3 o'clock. Hinsdale will be strengthened for this game.—Adv. 169